

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1991

21ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A regular monthly meeting of the 21st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, March 4, 1991, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m. by President Sandra Goldstein, after both political parties had met in Caucus.

INVOCATION was given by the Rev. Gary P. Brown, Pastor, First Congregational Church-UCC, Walton Place, Stamford, CT 06901.

Rev. Brown said he was delighted to appear before the Board. He said that his church founded Stamford 350 years ago.

"All nations are under You, oh, God, and all peoples are under You. On this particular date, we pray that You would bless us with your wisdom and your strength. We pray that You would bless this country; that it may march forth out of war time fervor into the relief and the challenge of peace time. We pray that You would bless this state that we may march forth out of budgetary difficulty into a time of fairness and justice and carefulness and we ask that You would bless this city that we may march forth in this our 350th year; march forth from any limitations of our history into a future which celebrates the best that is represented in all of our wonderful diversity. With You, oh, God, may we move forward for people. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by President Sandra Goldstein.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN announced that in celebration of the end of the war and the beginning of peace in the Middle East, the Westhill Chamber Singers were present to sing prior to the beginning of the meeting.

CLERK OF THE BOARD read into the record, the names of the men and women from Stamford serving with the Armed Forces in the Gulf.

Army: Sgt. Steve Berry, Lt. Col. Richard L. Ursone, 1st Lt. Arthur Moe, Sgt. Nell Eskridge, Robert L. Thomas, Jr., Pfc. Luis M. Poma, Capt. Hans Weidig, 1st Lt. Dan Rusin, Spec. Roosevelt St. Louis, 1st Lt. Christopher R. Bello, Pfc. Paula D. Richardson, Pfc. Adrian Horner, Staff Sgt. John Davis, Jr., Capt. Charles N. Bowen, Sgt. Paul Shoesmith, Maj. Cortland E. Mehl, Sgt. Stephen W. Zukowsky, Forrest Andrews, Sgt. 1st Class Phillip P. Coutermanche, Pfc. Antione J. Billie, Pfc. Dion Baptist, Sgt. David J. Andaluz, Spec. Everett Lavine, Pfc. Owen Rice, and Spec. Christopher Jefferson.

Marines: State Representative Capt. Christopher Burnham, Sgt. Daniel Logan, 2nd Lt. Christopher J. Munger, Carlos Wilson Saona, Lance Cpl. Scott C. Vanderheyden, 1st Lt. Robert C. O'Meara, Sgt. Edwin Galvan, Jr., 1st Sgt. Kevin Bennett, Lance Cpt. Tony Marra, Dave Tiani, Lance Cpt. James Jordan, Cpl. John P. Beddington, Sgt. Charles Daniels, Sgt. Gus Daniels, Frank Cappocci, Jr., Sgt. Louis Mercado, Tony Redfern, Cpl. Stephen Soloff, and Lance Cpl. Jeffrey Rojas.

MEN & WOMEN FROM STAMFORD SERVING WITH ARMED FORCES IN THE GULF: (continued)

U.S. Navy: Career Petty Officer Michael Tyson, Lt. Ray Marlin Rothermel, Jr., Airman Apprentice Michael A. O'Driscoll, Petty Officer 3rd Class Richard L. Russo, Petty Officer 2nd Class Rodney T. Whitley, Seaman Paul Summons, Jeffrey Matthew Parham, Eric E. Adams, and Lt. Joseph Palermo.

U.S. Air Force: Staff Sgt. Rudolph Smith, Capt. Mark Grjaski, Senior Airman Albert Michael Dutertre, Airman 2nd Class Robert M. Serricchio, Airman 1st Class Jason C. Barksdale, and Sgt. Theron A. Cropper.

WESTHILL CHAMBERS SINGERS - Jesse Chapman, Director

The Singers sang the "Stars Spangled Banner," "This Land Is Your Land," and "Because All Men Are Brothers."

The Board applauded the Singers for their fine performance. President Goldstein said that we are proud of our school system and our young people.

MR. BOCCUZZI Moved for a recess. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve the motion. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Recess was from 8:35 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL was taken by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were 37 members present and three absent. Absent were Frank Mollo (excused), Garry Clemmons and Patricia McGrath.

The Chair declared a quorum.

MACHINE TEST VOTE: Test votes were taken by President Sandra Goldstein. The machine was in good working order.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

For the late Geraldine Fallo Testa submitted by Rep. David I. Blum, D-12. "Mrs. Testa was a longtime resident of Stamford. She attended Stamford schools. She was predeceased by her husband, Louis Testa and a son, Carmen Testa. She is survived by a daughter, Phyllis Colello of Stamford. Sincerest sympathy extended to her family."

For the late Ida G. Micunis submitted by Reps. David I. Blum, D-12 and Sandra Goldstein, D-16. "Mrs. Micunis was secretary of the Lynn, Massachusetts Hadassah for many years. She was an active volunteer of B'nai B'rith women. Also, was secretary and treasurer of the Gold Age Club in Lynn, Massachusetts. She was the mother of Gordon Micunis, a member of the Coliseum Authority. Deepest sympathy is extended to all members of her family."

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: (continued)

For the late Joseph R. Pirri submitted by Rep. Gerald Rybnick, D-4. "Mr. Pirri was a resident of Stamford for 51 years. He was a retired state police lieutenant. He died at the age of 76. Mr. Pirro was a member of many organizations. He is survived by his wife, Connie and two sons, Joseph R, Jr. and Van Michael; six brothers; five grandchildren and a great-grandson. Sincerest sympathy extended to all members of his family."

For the late Joseph Zdanowicz submitted by Rep. Mildred Perillo, D-9. "Sincerest sympathy extended to his family."

For the servicemen that died serving our country by Rep. Audrey Maihock, R-19.

A motion was made, Seconded and approved to Suspend the Rules to add to the Agenda the Quarterly Communications with the Board.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD - MAYOR THOM SERRANI

MAYOR SERRANI said that the last time he spoke before the Board, he stated that difficult times were coming and now those times were here. He said an informational packet on the 1991/92 budget containing evaluations, summary regarding cuttable vs. fixed expenditure, revenues, grand list growth vs. tax impact and state revenue reductions was prepared by Commissioner of Finance William Serfass and given to each member. The Mayor referred to items in the packet many times in his remarks.

Mayor Serrani referred to a speech made 30 years ago by the late President John F. Kennedy, who said "Not ask what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country." The Mayor said that we are on the crossroads to live those word in earnest because governmental programs have come to an end and an end of people running to government to have government do everything for them. The Mayor said the position now is that each individual has to take responsibility for himself. He said that last year was a very difficult time for him. He stated that at his level last year, \$20 million was cut; collectively, the Board of Finance and Board of Representatives made an additional \$3 million cut. The Mayor said Stamford had the lowest tax increase in the State, but that would be ending with the budget coming up and subsequent budgets.

The Mayor said budget requests this year totalled \$279 million. He said that compared with the existing budget of \$257 million, which included the contingency fund which was the lowest ever had, that of the \$279 million, approximately \$103 million is the Board of Education's budget and he cannot in any way reduce the Board of Education budget as he has no jurisdiction over it.

Mayor Serrani went over some figures in regards to fixed costs; he said the Board of Education request is for \$103.2 million; debt service is \$25.1 million; insurance is \$8.6 million; utilities \$6.5 million. The Mayor said the Water Company is proposing a 36 to 40% increase. He said \$1 million is spent on water; fixed cost for pensions is \$2 million and for health insurance \$14.3 million; total for these expenditures is \$159.7 taken from \$279.5 department requests, leaves \$119.8 million.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD - MAYOR THOM SERRANI (continued)

Mayor Serrani spoke regarding the police and fire budgets: police \$21 million; police pensions \$3.2 million; city fire and volunteer fire department budgets \$17.4 million and fire pensions \$1.9 million totalling \$43.5 million, and this from \$119.8 million leaves a grand total of \$76.3. He said he and his staff were looking to make cuts.

MAYOR SERRANI stated that the difference between cutbacks and/or tax increases is \$32 million. He said that the proposed increase expenditures for all departments was \$22 million, cut backs in state aid \$7 million and decreases in other revenue \$3 million. The Mayor stated that the state's budget would probably be finished in mid-summer. He said his budget must be delivered to the Board of Finance on March 20, and the deadline for the budget to be passed is May 15. The Mayor said we cannot look to Hartford and Washington; the bills have to be paid. He said that we have a \$32 million problem, and he must take the \$32 million out of \$76 million.

The Mayor said he would be meeting with the unions to discuss co-pay on insurance. He said he did not know what the outcome would be. He said that last year, each department in the city suffered cutbacks to support a 300 member police force which ended up being 316. The Mayor said that at the present time, he could not guarantee cutbacks without questioning the police and fire budgets in order to bring the budget in line with what the taxpayers can afford. He said he did not want people forced out of their homes; senior citizens out of the city or small businesses to shut their doors. The Mayor stated if the budget is balanced as has been done in the past, there will be great opportunities in the city.

The Mayor said that every \$2 million equals a 1% increase in taxes. If expenditures are raised \$2 million, the tax is raised 1%. He said to allow the \$32 million increase bringing the total to \$279 million and the reduction in revenues, there would be a 16% increases in taxes. He said that there was work to be done.

The Mayor stated that many people wonder, "How are we in this position?" The Mayor referred to the Grand list on the charts received by the Board members. He said in 1988, there was a \$250 million increase. He said there was a need to increase staff in the Town Clerk's office because of the real estate transactions. The staffing was approved which was the correct thing to do when there was growth but at the present time, there is no growth in the city. The Mayor stated that there was a \$250 million increase in the Grand list four years ago; down to \$201 three years ago; down to \$140 million last year and this year the Grand list increase (\$10 million equals \$340,000 in revenue) is a little better than thought; \$56 million. The Mayor said that Hartford had the highest increase in their Grand list because they started an audit program on personal property which was started by Stamford five or so years ago. He said a greater number of tax dollars was received from personal property taxes and business equipment.

Mayor Serrani stated that there will be major cuts affecting everyone in the building, and in city government. He said without the cuts, there will be major dissatisfaction on the part of the taxpayers and more people will suffer in the city than the cuts will reap on the families that must go through the agony of losing work and having to pay mortgages and putting food on the table. The Mayor stated it was not an easy thing to do. He said there was a \$130,000 surplus from last year to be applied to this year. He said there have been surpluses each year but they are down.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD - MAYOR THOM SERRANI (continued)

MAYOR SERRANI referred to page 5 of the communication. The page dealt with the Operating budget state revenue reductions; telephone access grants; unrestricted grants; reimbursement tax-state property; property tax relief; PILOT moderate income housing; private and parochial school health programs; education equalization, special education and transport education. The Mayor said that the state does not provide their dollars to the Board of Education directly; they are not cutting the Board of Education as the dollars are applied directly to the city to distribute. The Mayor said the Board of Education budget this year has a 7.9% increase, and when the state reduction is \$7.2 to the city, this does not come out of the education budget; it comes out of everyone's budget. The Mayor said he cannot take it out of the Board of Education budget unless the Board takes it out. The Mayor said he will be doing his job to make the cuts but it will not be easy. He said he hoped that the Board of Representatives would do what they have to do to make cuts. The Mayor said we are not living in the '60's; we are living in a different age and government has to reorganize to survive and we have done that and done it well. He said this cannot be done without the help of the Board. The Mayor stated that the true test of leadership is running the city in difficult times. He said it was a test of Mayors and a test of the Boards. The Mayor said that we cannot give the city a double digit tax increase.

Mayor Serrani said that on page 1 of the communication, there is a general overview of how we are approaching the budget. He said that if a service is created elsewhere, then that service is not needed, and we cannot afford any duplicated services. The Mayor stated that extraordinary measures must be taken in extraordinary times. He said this evening, he gave the Board the basis on which he will be making decisions. The Mayor said that he would call on the Board later to give the Board details of the budget decisions before they are released. He said the Board and the public will not like what they will be hearing. He said that the people would be expecting tough decisions from the Mayor and the Board. The Mayor said we were elected for that.

The Mayor stated that he will probably call the Board together before the 20th, either formally or informally. He also stated that he sent questionnaires out for opinions. He said that some did not like the questionnaires and received one back. He said if anyone had any comments this evening, he would be happy to hear them. He said he would like to hear more from the Board members before he makes his decisions.

A copy of the communication that the Mayor referred to is attached to these Minutes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN thanked the Mayor for appearing before the Board. She said the Board would look over the budget situation and process, and if there were any questions, would call the Mayor.

MAYOR SERRANI asked about a committee that was to be set up regarding health insurance?

MR. RUBINO said the Labor Relations Committee is working on the subject but did not have all the answers yet. Mr. Rubino stated that the methods of cutting health insurance addressed by the Mayor, has to be worked on all year long as labor contracts come up for negotiations. Mr. Rubino did not think that at the present time, we have the power to force people.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD - MAYOR THOM SERRANI (continued)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated that the Labor Relations Committee will be meeting with Labor Negotiator Tom Barrett later in the month and perhaps, the Mayor, if he wished, could join them.

MAYOR SERRANI stated that he was meeting with the unions tomorrow on the subject.

The Mayor said that he would like to hear comments from the Board members.

MR. PIA asked if the Mayor would consider leaving the Board of Education in the present building in order to save money by the move?

MAYOR SERRANI stated that he thought moving here would save money and having the Board of Education under the same roof, would help to find out what is going on. He said the Board will have to make the decision.

MS. POWERS asked if any consideration was given to a four-day week except for essential services?

MAYOR THOM SERRANI stated that last week, he had asked the unions to consider furlough days. He said he should receive a response tomorrow. He said essential services would be police, fire, and nurses. He said some unions have minimum manpower and if an individual is removed from the position and someone fills in, would mean time and a half thus spending more. The Mayor stated that the payroll is \$1 million a week and if everyone takes five days off a year, including police and fire, that would save a \$1 million. He said teachers cannot take a day off as they have a 185-day schedule.

MR. ESPOSITO said that he would like to sit in on the insurance meeting.

MAYOR SERRANI said that he will inform Mr. Rubino tomorrow as to the time. Also, the Mayor stated that he will call the Board to let them know of his decisions.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Chairperson Sandra Goldstein

REPORT.

MR. BOCCUZZI Moved to waive the reading of the Steering Committee report. Seconded. Approved by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

The Steering Committee met on Wednesday, February 13, 1991, in the Democratic Caucus Room of the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Sandra Goldstein who declared a quorum.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)Present at the meeting:

Sandra Goldstein, Chairwoman	John Boccuzzi	Scott Morris
John Zimmerman	Peter Nanos	David Blum
David Jachimczyk	Annie Summerville	Mildred Perillo
Frank Mollo	Ellen Mellis	Audrey Maihock
Thomas Pia	Stanley Esposito	John Hogan
James Rubino	Richard Lyons	Eva Weller
Philip Stork	Mary Lou Rinaldi	John Roman, WSTC
John Zelinsky	Carmem Domonkos	Barclay Palmer, Adv.
Robert DeLuca	Maria Nakian	Anne Kachaluba

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda. The two items appearing on the Addenda were Held in Steering. The names were John Smart and Nancy Tatano both for the Planning Board.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were nine items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one item that appeared on the Addenda; the item was the Matter of transferring monies from Department of Traffic and Parking to the Department of Public Works for demolition of Rice School without the approval of the Boards.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were eight of the 13 items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one of the two items appearing on the Addenda. Ordered on the Pending Agenda were two items from the Tentative Steering Agenda and one from the Addenda: (L&R21.49) proposed ordinance Repealing Sec. 156-13 of the Code re posting of signs on city property; (L&R21.73) proposed ordinance Amending Chapter 88 of the Code concerning demolition and disposal of city-owned property and (L&R21.75) proposed ordinance Concerning minority representation in awarding contracts for the purchase of goods and services. Two items were ordered off the Agenda; Review of purchasing procedures and bidding process and tax abatement for property at 32 Orlando Avenue owned by Ebenezer Baptist Church. Ordered off the Pending Agenda was the item concerning the regulation of cable TV rates.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were three of the four items appearing on the Tentative Agenda and one item from the Addenda. That item was a Resolution urging the Connecticut General Assembly to enact legislation guaranteeing protection from discriminatory practices on the basis of sexual orientation. Ordered moved to the Labor Relations Committee was Review of Labor Negotiating Process.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS & SEWER COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were three of the five items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Ordered on the Pending Agenda was the Review of Stamford Police response time. Ordered off the Agenda was the Review of Firefighters proposal on supplying Emergency Medical Services for the City.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the three items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and the two items appearing on the Addenda: Outbreaks of vandalism and thefts in parking lot and Government Center Building and Resolution for the need of a branch postoffice to service north Stamford.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda. One item appeared on the Addenda which was ordered off. The item concerned land being made available for Morgan Stanley Company through the Urban Redevelopment Commission.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were two of the three items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Ordered on the Pending Agenda was the Review of excess use of salt on city streets and policy on plowing.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

HOUSE COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

COLISEUM AUTHORITY LIAISON COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one item that was moved from the Personnel Committee; Review of labor negotiating process.

RESOLUTIONS - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Steering Committee, upon a motion made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Sandra Goldstein, Chairwoman
Steering Committee

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Mildred Perillo, Chairwoman - No report.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Richard Lyons, Chairman

MR. LYONS said the Fiscal Committee met on Tuesday, February 19, 1991. Present were Reps. Lyons, Rinaldi, Powers, Martin, Mollo, Zimmerman, Clemmons, Rybnick, Esposito, Pavia and Hogan.

Mr. Lyons placed items 4, 5, 6, and 9 on the Consent Agenda. All Secondary Committees concurred or waived the Secondary Committee report.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

1. \$ 200,000.00 - STAMFORD COLISEUM AUTHORITY - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR CODE 735-70 CULTURAL CENTER - additional appropriation for first year of five annual \$200,000 payments toward half the cost of the Palace Theatre acquisition by the Stamford Center for the Arts. \$2,000,000 bargain purchase opportunity arose 12/89 due to estate liquidation. Request by Mayor Thom Serrani in fiscal 1990/91 Capital Budget. Planning Board approved. Board of Finance approved 10/11/90. To be financed by bonds. Held in Committee 11/7/90 and 1/7/91. Returned to Committee 12/3/90. Held in Steering 1/16/91.

Above also referred to COLISEUM AUTHORITY LIAISON COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. STAMFORD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM CONTRACT FUNDING REQUEST:

(a) Additional appropriation CODE 485.5501 EMS CONTRACTED SERVICES \$333,000

(B) Interdepartmental transfer:

FROM: CODE 470.4380 STAMFORD AMBULANCE CORPS.	\$126,480	
CODE 470.4385 STAMFORD EMS FOUNDATION	<u>154,724</u>	
	\$281,204	

TO: CODE 485.5502 EMS CONTRACTED SERVICES		<u>281,204</u>
		\$614,204

Per E.M.S. System Contract and Funding Request submitted by Mayor Thom Serrani, 10/1/90 and request of 11/2/90. Board of Finance approved 11/8/90. Held in Committee 12/3/90, 1/7 and 2/4/91. Returned to Committee at Special Meeting 12/12/90.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

MR. LYONS said that after three or four extended meetings, the Committee and the Corporation Counsel's office came to an agreement on the contract language that the Committee felt the Board would approve and the Committee voted 10 in favor and none opposed to approve. Mr. Lyons said this contract was forwarded to all members of the Board with the changes. Mr. Lyons stated that in this evening's mail was a letter from the Mayor with a contract that was different from the one worked out with the Committee and Corporation Counsel.

Mr. Lyons stated that the Mayor, due to the financial difficulties of the city, stated that he was unwilling to fund a contract on the basis of five ambulances. Mr. Lyons said the Committee voted on the five ambulance proposal because the members felt the proposal provided adequate medical services to the entire city. Mr. Lyons Moved for approval of the request for \$614,204. Seconded.

MS. POWERS said the Health and Protection Committee concurred.

MR. RYBNICK Moved to hold item two so that the citizens of Stamford will not be deprived of EMS services. Seconded.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

MS. POWERS stated that when the Health and Protection Committee voted this evening, they were not aware that there was a new contract on the desks. She said that it would be easy for people in the 1st, 4th and 8th districts to vote for the contract as it is; there would be the same, if not, better service than the current system. She stated that, however, during the meetings, especially, the last one, the Committee was informed by the fire chiefs of the Big 5 and by SAC that there would be a diminution of services north of the Parkway and as city representatives, we cannot allow this to happen. She said that one contract was voted on and another one was received. She stated that she is sure that all are aware of the budget constraints. Ms. Powers stated that in good conscience she could not vote for the contract. She said she would like the item be returned to Committee so further work can be done on the item.

MRS. BROMLEY said she would support the motion. She said the concept submitted this evening would not protect her district, the 20th. She said it would be difficult for her to support the item for other reasons also. She said on February 20, by copy of a letter to Rep. Lyons, Asst. Corporation Counsel Richard Robinson basically gave the go ahead on the contract. Mr. Robinson was at the Fiscal Committee meeting where the contract was amended; he was a representative of the Administration, the Mayor. Mrs. Bromley said when she found the amended version of the contract by the Mayor on her desk this evening at 7:00 p.m., she felt used and embarrassed. She said she felt used for all the hours of work and volunteer time and good faith she gave the contract.

Mrs. Bromley stated the contract was reworked in good faith to protect the people of Stamford. She said as the fifth ambulance was added, it was obvious that the cost of the contract would go up. She said there was no indication from the administration that that was the problem. Mrs. Bromley said help was received from the Corporation Counsel's office in drafting the amendments. Mrs. Bromley said if the Mayor objected, he should have told the Board in the beginning. She said there was no reason to receive a complex contract such as this one at the last minute; there was no time to review it. Mrs. Bromley said there must be joint cooperation in the meeting of the minds. She said the matter was a disservice to the Board and to all the dedicated volunteers of all those involved with the contract. Mrs. Bromley stated that the Board worked in good faith.

MR. ESPOSITO said that many long hours were spent on the contract and he believed that the five ambulance system would best service the citizens of Stamford, especially, those that live north of the Parkway. Mr. Esposito said the administration wanted to pare the budget with regards to the leaf pickup at the expense of the residents north of the Merritt Parkway. He said that each time the city wants to save, it attempts to summarily write off the north Stamford residents who also pay taxes.

MR. MARTIN stated that the item must be returned to Committee because the alternative is that it will be defeated and the problem if defeated would be that too much progress was made over the past months. Mr. Martin said the first contract did not represent the goals of the city and SEMS. He said that with the Fiscal Committee, the Board, Mr. Hinchcliffe and Corporation Counsel, the goals were finally down on paper. Mr. Martin said a very good job was done considering the time and the difficulties encountered. He said the last minute switch in the contract on the eve of voting when everything is said and done and all set to go, will defeat the contract if not sent back to Committee.

FISCAL COMMITTEE; (continued)

MR. DeLUCA said he agreed with Mr. Martin and the other comments that were made. Mr. DeLuca said the contract coming down this evening was a blatant disregard for all the work done by so many people. He favored the item being returned to Committee and to have the same proposals as were worked out before.

MRS. MAIHOCK stated that as Mr. Esposito indicated, it is a big disappointment for north Stamford to realize again that we have to bear the brunt of any punishment that is meted out. Mrs. Maihock said that there was always excellent service for ambulances and now the service will be mediocre. Mrs. Maihock said that the people in north Stamford live a long way from a hospital and they need very good ambulance service. She said we should return to what we had if we cannot be sure that residents would be serviced properly.

MR. LYONS said the contract should go back to Committee to be worked on so it will be acceptable for approval. He said other alternatives were discussed that were not pursued. He said he would like to mention that in the interim, there is an emergency medical service providing the best medical service in the area to the citizens and this service will continue to be provided. Mr. Lyons stated that the service will also need an additional appropriation of approximately \$125,000 to keep it going through June. Mr. Lyons said that next month, funding will have to be provided for existing service. He said he hoped that next month, we will be able to fund the entire new service for the contract acceptable to the Board. He favored sending the item back to Committee.

MR. BLUM Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to return the SEMS contract received this evening back to Committee. APPROVED by voice vote with one no vote, Ms. Summerville.

\$ 25,000.00 - OF \$750,000 APPROVED; \$725,000 HELD IN COMMITTEE 3/4/91.
 3. \$ 750,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1990/91 FOR PROJECT CODE 301.093 STORAGE BUILDING - additional appropriation for storage building on Magee Avenue for use by city agencies and the Board of Education. To be funded by bonds. Request by Mayor Thom Serrani, 12/3/90. Planning Board approved 12/11/90. Board of Finance approved 12/13/90. Returned to Committee 1/7/91. Held in Committee 2/4/91.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. LYONS said the Committee voted 10 in favor with no opposition to approve \$25,000 and the remainder of \$725,000 be Held in Committee. Mr. Lyons said the Committee is concerned about the soil the building will rest upon. He said there was no test borings taken and said they would be taken after the appropriation is approved. Mr. Lyons stated that the Committee felt that the \$25,000 would allow Public Works to take the test borings to see if the soil was suitable to maintain the building. He said a report would be coming to the Committee when the test boring was completed.

Mr. Lyons Moved for approval of the \$25,000. Seconded by the Public Work and Sewer Committee's concurrence.

MR. BLUM said the Planning Board recommended approval for the construction of the storage building. He said the building would be used to store records and materials and was to be used by the Board of Education and three non-profit entities. Mr. Blum stated that on two separate occasions, the Planning Board strongly endorsed the project. He said according to the Commissioner of Public Works, the building will contain 40,000 square feet and will be a "Butler" pre-fabricated type building. Mr. Blum stated that when the Commissioner of Public Works was at the Board of Finance meeting, the Commissioner did not talk about the things Mr. Blum was saying. Mr. Blum said he received the information from the Planning Board. He said that the cost per foot would be \$18.75. Mr. Blum said the building will have either a slab with gravel to support the slab or if needed, if the test borings show, heavy reinforcement concrete. Mr. Blum said the \$750,000 should be approved.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said that the members who agree with Mr. Blum that \$750,000 should be approved should vote no to the Fiscal Committee's request, and if that is defeated, the original request of \$750,000 would be before the Board. She said the present motion is to approve \$25,000.

MR. LYONS stated that he must correct Mr. Blum in fairness to Commissioner Donahue. He said the Commissioner appeared before the Fiscal Committee and provided the Committee and publicly stated that the building would be a 40,000 square foot building and the cost of the building would be \$505,000 and the slab cost was based on normal soil conditions. Mr. Lyons stated that the information was available at the Committee meeting regarding the footage and breakdown of the cost.

MR. DeLUCA Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

MR. OWENS asked if there was a contract for the \$750,000? Someone stated that there was no contract.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve \$25,000 for the Department of Public Works, amending the capital projects for storage building. She said the remainder of \$725,000 to be held in Committee. APPROVED by voice vote with one no vote, Mr. Blum.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

4. \$ 1,000.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - CODE 421.3456 - additional appropriation request represents money spent from account that was necessary for care and feeding of hybrid wolf puppies. Money was reimbursed and deposited in general fund. Request by Mayor Thom Serrani 2/1/91. Board of Finance approved 2/7/91.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

5. \$ 10,917.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - CODE.VARIOUS - additional appropriation for CADAC AIDS Outreach grant. This is first installment of a year grant which is fully reimbursable. Request by Mayor Thom Serrani 1/28/91. Board of Finance approved 2/7/91.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

6. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TOTALING \$19,948,227.00 TO FINANCE CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS. Submitted by Mayor Thom Serrani 1/22/91. Board of Finance approved 2/7/91.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

7. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE TO ESTABLISH A FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER. \$105,000.00 has been set aside for this program. This program is a community based system of child development and family support services located in public school facilities. Submitted by Mayor Thom Serrani 2/8/91.

MR. LYONS said that grant money is available and an application has been made and the money has been set aside. Mr. Lyons said that when the money is received, the program will be set up; daycare, latch-key and guidance programs for parents will be located in the schools. Mr. Lyons said the Committee voted to approve the funds and Moved for approval. Seconded.

MR. WHITE said he would oppose the item not because he is opposed to the item per se but he was opposed to the program being put into the school system. He said it was one more obligations that the schools would have. He said the Board of Education and the education system will ultimately be saddled financially and administratively. Mr. White stated that the purpose of the Board of Education is academics and education and the other concepts and obligations, while in themselves legitimate, to be shoved in the Board of Education or educational system, overburdens the system that is already having difficulty performing its principal mandate.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to approve the resolution to submit and enter into an agreement with the state to establish a family resource center in public school facilities. APPROVED by voice vote with two no votes, Mr. White and Mrs. Maihock.

8. \$ 105,000.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER GRANT - CODE 863.5150 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT - additional appropriation to implement the Family Resource Center in Stamford. Monies to come from grant. Requested by Mayor Thom Serrani 1/15/91. Board of Finance approved 2/7/91.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

9. PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZATION OF PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION GRANTS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS - for project 301.087 Board of Education relocation of Administrative Office to Stamford Government Center. Amount to be appropriated is \$500,000.00. Submitted by Mayor Thom Serrani 1/30/91.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

10. MATTER OF TRANSFER OF MONIES FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC AND PARKING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR DEMOLITION OF RICE SCHOOL WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM BOARD OF FINANCE AND BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES. Submitted by Rep. David I. Blum, D-12, 2/11/91.

MR. LYONS said the Commissioner of Public Works appeared before the Fiscal Committee; there were no monies transferred from the Department of Traffic and Parking to Public Works. Mr. Lyons stated on the original project back in 1981/82, when funding was requested, the funded was requested through the Department of Traffic and Parking and with the construction of the garage, the account was transferred to the Department of Public Works somewhere in 1983 or 1984.

MR. LYONS Moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - David Martin & Maria Nakian, Co-Chairpersons

MRS. NAKIAN said the Legislative and Rules Committee met twice this month. She said the first meeting was on Thursday, February 7, 1991, at 7:00 p.m. Present at the meeting were Committee members Nakian, Martin, Domonkos, Mitchell, Rubino, Larobina, Zelinsky and Bromley.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

MRS. NAKIAN said that also present at the meeting were Reps. Sandra Goldstein, Zimmerman, Nanos and Mellis; Robert Ruzowski, Internal Auditor; William Serfass, Commissioner of Finance; Richard Robinson, Asst. Corporation Counsel; Lewis MacLaine and approximately 10 other minority contractors.

Mrs. Nakian stated that the second meeting was held on Monday, February 25, 1991, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Nakian, Martin, Domonkos, Esposito, Fedele, Larobina, Maihock, Mellis, Mitchell, Rubino and Zelinsky; also President Sandra Goldstein; Richard Robinson, Asst. Corporation Counsel; Alice Perry, Asst. Corporation Counsel; Susan McDonald of Neighborhood Housing Service; and Michael Kraynak, Housing Code Enforcement Officer.

A complete report of the Committee meeting was sent to all members and is attached to these Minutes.

MRS. NAKIAN Moved for Suspension of the Rules to consider a resolution not on the Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Suspend the Rules. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

MRS. NAKIAN said that on February 7, 1991, two letters went out; one from the Mayor and one from Corporation Counsel and both were in regards to access to city records and city information. She said she was concerned that the first one cuts off access of the public to public information and is almost certain it is against freedom of information. Mrs. Nakian said that when she looked up the Freedom of Information Act, it was amended that it now no longer reads, "within a reasonable time, information should be provided to the public" but "promptly."

Mrs. Nakian stated that an edict such as this one that sets up a system that a request for information has to go to the Mayor is definitely, not timely; however, she believed that was an issue that must be taken before the Freedom of Information Commission and that it should be done.

Mrs. Nakian said that she was bothered upon realizing that the Mayor's letter is really an attempt on the part of the executive branch of government to monitor and to control the information that is available to the legislative branch of government, and she said that without information, the legislative branch of government cannot carry out its responsibilities.

Mrs. Nakian referred to the Mayor's letter saying that he will evaluate the request for information sent to him and he will decide whether the request requires a reply. Mrs. Nakian stated that this was against everything she believed that the government stands for. She said there is a Constitution of the United States that sets up three equal and separate branches of government, and also, the Constitution of the State of Connecticut sets up three separate but equal branches of government. She said that state statutes set up two branches in all the municipalities in the State of Connecticut, and in one, the executive and legislative are separate but equal.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

MRS. NAKIAN said that it falls within the power of the Board of Representatives to address the matter and to address it by legislation. She said she proposed the resolution which is not a Sense-of-the-Board Resolution; it is a resolution which the Charter states that the Board can pass when the Board is regulating, amplifying and defining the corporation powers of the city. She said the resolution is passed with all the force of law and it becomes part of the laws of the city.

RESOLUTION GUARANTEEING LEGISLATIVE ACCESS TO CITY RECORDS AND INFORMATION. Submitted by Reps. Maria Nakian, Sandra Goldstein, Mildred Perillo, Gloria DePina, Elaine Mitchell, David Blum, Ellen Mellis, Stanley Esposito, James Rubino, David Martin, Ruth Powers, Richard Lyons, Ellen Bromley, Scott Morris, Michael Larobina, Carmen Domonkos, John Zimmerman, Annie Summerville and Gerald Rybnick, 3/4/91.

Mrs. Nakian stated that 18 people joined her in sponsoring the resolution. She said that the resolution states that the Board of Representatives and the Board of Finance shall have prompt and unimpeded access to all city information and records.

Mrs. Nakian Moved for approval of the resolution. Seconded.

MR. RUBINO said he was in support of the resolution. He said the executive policy issued by the Mayor is downright Orwellian. He said the Board has responsibilities equal to the Mayor in running the city and the Mayor has no legal right to restrict the Board's access to city files.

Mr. Rubino said the Board's status under the Charter and under the State Freedom of Information Act gives the Board an absolute right to unfettered access to city documents during regular business hours. Mr. Rubino said the access was needed to make responsible decisions. He stated said the resolution should be passed to send the Mayor a message and if the Mayor presses the issue, stronger measures should be taken to protect the right to know.

MR. MARTIN said fundamental in our form of government is that the people have a right to make decisions about their form of government and fundamental to them being able to make the decisions is free and unimpeded access to information. Mr. Martin stated that unfortunately, the Mayor seems to forgotten what our government is all about. Mr. Martin said that the Mayor seems to believe that it is up to him to dictate when we will get information and what information we will see. Mr. Martin said that was illegal, improper, unenforceable and a stop must made immediately. Mr. Martin said the resolution must be passed.

MRS. BROMLEY said when she first saw the letter, she thought it was amusing. She said her second thought was that it might promote an efficiency which wasn't existing and she left it at that. She stated that about a week later, she had the occasion to call a member of city staff to request some information, and the call was never returned. Mrs. Bromley said she waited a week for information on the capital projects budget which is soon to be considered, and she called again today. Mrs. Bromley stated that when she talked to the employee, she was told that she could have the information because it already existed but the employee did not want to address the question of what would have happened if it did not exist?

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

MRS. BROMLEY said the Board is a co-equal branch and entitled to information. She said that the Mayor stated this evening, "Not what our city can do for us but what can we do for our city" but he forgot to ask how the Board could do this without getting information in a timely fashion? Mrs. Bromley said she is asking the Mayor how can this be done if we cannot receive information necessary to make responsible decisions?

Mrs. Bromley stated that the Mayor this evening submitted, in an untimely fashion, new legislation on the EMS. She said the Mayor in his closing this evening, discussed the true test of leadership; she said there cannot be leadership without an unfettered flow of information. Mrs. Bromley said that she has always supported and worked hard for the Mayor in each election but she said she did not know that he believed that an unfettered flow of information should only be available when you agree with him; not when hard questions are asked to fulfill your responsibilities.

MR. ESPOSITO said that the Mayor's executive order amounts to nothing more than censorship and censorship has no part in local government.

MR. BOCCUZZI Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on the resolution guaranteeing legislative access to city records and information. APPROVED by 32 yes votes, no dissenting votes and no abstentions.

MRS. NAKIAN placed items 1, 5, and 8.

1. (L&R21.44) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR BIDDING PROCESS PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION C5-100-4. Submitted by Reps. Sandra Goldstein, D-16, David Martin, D-19, Maria Nakian, D-20, and Robert DeLuca, R-14, 8/22/90. Held in Committee 9/10, 10/1, 11/7, 12/3/90, 1/7 and 2/4/91.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

2. (L&R21.31) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE STAMFORD COLISEUM AUTHORITY. Requested by Rep. James Rubino, R-7, 5/16/90. Held in Committee 6/4, 7/9, 11/7, 12/3/90, 1/7 and 2/4/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

3. (L&R21.55) PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF CITY LEASED PROPERTY FROM THE STAMFORD AMBULANCE CORPS, INC. TO THE STAMFORD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. Per E.M.S. Systems Contract and Funding Request submitted by Mayor Thom Serrani 10/1/90. Board of Finance approved 11/8/90. Held in Committee 12/3/90, 1/7 and 2/4/91. Returned to Committee Special Meeting 12/12/90.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

MRS. NAKIAN said the Committee approved item 3 by a vote of 9 in favor with one opposed and no abstentions. Mrs. Nakian Moved for approval. Seconded.

MR. MARTIN said because Fiscal returned the SEMS item to Committee, he Moved to return the item to Committee. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to return the item to Committee. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

4. (L&R21.56) PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT (TWO FORD VAN-TYPE AMBULANCES WITH ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT) FROM THE STAMFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE STAMFORD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. Per E.M.S. Systems Contract and Funding Request submitted by Mayor Thom Serrani 10/1/90. Board of Finance approved 11/8/90. Held in Committee 12/3/90, 1/7 and 2/4/91. Returned to Committee Special Meeting 12/12/90.

MRS. NAKIAN said the Committee approved item 4 by a vote of 9 in favor and one opposed with no abstentions. Mrs. Nakian Moved for approval. Seconded.

MR. MARTIN Moved that item 4 be returned to Committee. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to return item 4 to Committee. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

5. (L&R21.67) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY AT 20 WOODLAND PLACE AND OWNED BY ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. Requested by Richard E. Beattie, Comptroller, St. Luke's Community Services, Inc., 8 Woodland Place, Stamford, CT 06902, 1/9/91. Approved for publication 2/4/91.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, MRS. PERILLO AND ONE ABSTENTION, MRS. MAIHOCK BECAUSE OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

6. (L&R21.71) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 19 VISTA STREET, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, OWNED BY STAMFORD NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES, INC. Submitted by Alice L. Perry, Asst. Corporation Counsel, 1/22/91.

MRS. NAKIAN said the Committee voted to approve; 10 in favor, one opposed and no abstentions. She Moved for approval. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approved tax abatement for property at 19 Vista Street. APPROVED by voice vote with two no votes, Mrs. Maihock and Mrs. Perillo. Mr. Owens left the floor on this item due to a possible conflict of interest.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

7. (L&R21.72) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 59-63 CLINTON AVENUE, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, OWNED BY NEW NEIGHBORHOODS, INC. Submitted by Alice L. Perry, Asst. Corporation Counsel, 1/22/91.

MRS. NAKIAN said the Committee voted 9 in favor, one opposed and one abstention to approve the item. Mrs. Nakian Moved for approval. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve item 7. APPROVED by voice vote with two no votes, Mrs. Maihock and Mrs. Perillo and one abstention, Mr. DeLuca.

8. (L&R21.74) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE INCREASING THE HOUSING LICENSE FEES. Submitted by Mayor Thom Serrani, 2/4/91.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION, MR. ZIMMERMAN.

9. (L&R21.76) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE DEFERRING REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY. Submitted by Reps. Sandra Goldstein, D-16, and Michael D. Larobina, D-16, 2/13/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MRS. NAKIAN Moved for Suspension of the Rules to consider a resolution in place of the proposed ordinance. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Suspend the Rules. APPROVED with no dissenting votes.

10. (L&R21.78) SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION URGING THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS BILL NO. 6767 GRANTING CONNECTICUT MUNICIPALITIES THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT TAX RELIEF TO THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY SERVICE. Submitted by Reps. Sandra Goldstein, D-16 and Michael Larobina, D-16, 2/20/91.

MRS. NAKIAN stated that there would be a hearing held tomorrow by the State Legislature and they would like to have a copy of the resolution read into the record. She said if the resolution is approved this evening, it will be faxed to Hartford. She said the Committee voted 11 in favor with no opposition and no abstention to approve the resolution. Mrs. Nakian Moved for approval of the resolution. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve the resolution. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

MRS. NAKIAN Moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with Mrs. Maihock abstaining on item 5 because of a conflict of interest; Mrs. Perillo voting no on item 5; and Mr. Zimmerman abstained on item 8 due to a conflict of interest.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Scott Morris, Chairman

MR. MORRIS said the Personnel Committee met for a public hearing and meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 1991, at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Committee present were Reps. Morris, Larobina, Nanos, Hogan, Zelinsky, Stork, Blum and Jachimczyk. Also attending were Reps. Sandra Goldstein, Audrey Maihock, and W. Dennis White; Diana Crouse, President of the Municipal Administrators Association; Mark Roche, President of the Firefighters Union; Robert Lopiano, Vice President of the Stamford Police Association; and Alice Perry, President of the Assistant Corporation Counsels' Union.

1. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION URGING THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT REFORMS TO THE STATE BINDING ARBITRATION STATUTES. Submitted by Reps. Michael Larobina, D-16, Sandra Goldstein, D-16, Scott Morris, D-17, John J. Boccuzzi, D-2, and Robert DeLuca, R-14, 9/10/90. Returned to Committee 10/1/90 and 2/4/91. Held in Steering 10/17 and 12/12/90. Held in Committee 12/3/90.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN THE CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE. Submitted by Sim Bernstein, Personnel Director, 8/29/90. Held in Committee 10/1, 12/3/90 and 1/7/91. Held in Steering 10/17/90. Approved for publication 2/4/91.

MR. MORRIS said the Committee voted three in favor, three opposed with two abstention; this indicated a negative recommendation

Mr. Morris Moved for approval of item two. Seconded.

MR. MORRIS said that he voted in favor of the item. He said the intent of the ordinance is to prevent arbitrary non-job related discrimination before it happens. He said this was for the equality of rights; equal protection under the laws for all people; all citizens. Mr. Morris said the city's civil service system is administered on the basis of the merit system and the basic underlying philosophy of the merit system is the elimination of all forms of non-job related discrimination. Mr. Morris said he firmly believed that the proposed ordinance was consistent with the philosophy.

MR. STORK said his position was clear since the start of the proposed legislation. He said this was a moral issue and he made his remarks at last month's meeting and in a letter to the editor of the Advocate. He said that if one believes in God and the teachings of the Bible, then you should vote no. He said he would vote no and would do so with a clear conscience.

MR. WHITE he said that he would oppose the ordinance because he did not believe it had anything to do with discrimination. He said that he had no personal desire to monitor the behavior and personal relationships among consenting adults. Mr. White said that he thought the gay and homosexual community is trying to frame into law that there is nothing wrong with what they are doing. Mr. White said he did not accept that.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. WHITE said he believed that it was an attempt on the part of these people to ultimately achieve the status of a protected minority and then it will move into an affirmative action program. He said he would oppose the ordinance.

MRS. BROMLEY said she was shocked that we are in the year 1991 and still discussing the 1950's basic civil right issues. She said that it was not socially acceptable to voice ethnic or racial prejudice in our society because of the passing of ordinances and laws such as proposed this evening. She said she would support the proposed ordinance. Mrs. Bromley stated to even allow a hint of discrimination is a threat to equal opportunity everywhere. She asked that all members consider the question before voting on the ordinance, and stated is there anything connected with your sexual preference and the way you do a job?

MR. ESPOSITO said American men and women, in some cases died for the cause of freedom. He said freedom and justice for all not just some are the tenants that our country was founded on. Mr. Esposito said he was alarmed that the legislative body was debating the issue of discrimination in the workplace. He said Americans do not withhold peoples' rights just because they are different and are governed by the principals of fair play and fair treatment for all. Mr. Esposito stated that we cannot allow some to discriminate against others because they do not have the same point-of-view, same skin color, same religion or the same sexual orientation. Mr. Esposito said that feelings for denial of others basic rights, arises from the fears that we do not understand. He said that we cannot be allowed to rule ourselves by these fears. Mr. Esposito asked that his colleagues vote in favor of the ordinance to let everyone know that the Legislative Body of the City of Stamford does not discriminate.

MR. ZIMMERMAN stated that the Connecticut Constitution in its Declaration of Rights states that, "The great principals of liberty and free government may be recognized and established. We declare that all men when they form a social compact are equal in rights and no man or set of men are entitled to exclusive public emoluments or privileges from the community." Mr. Zimmerman said this is very clear that no one should be discriminated against for any reason whatsoever.

MR. LYONS said that he could speak for the Irish cause his forefathers came from Ireland. He said that one was a bricklayer and was discriminated against not because he was a bricklayer but because he was Irish. He said that there were signs in Boston saying, "Irish, Catholics and dogs, keep off the lawn." He said that he would never, never vote for anything that would discriminate against anyone, and would vote for this ordinance.

MR. ZELINSKY requested that his remarks be verbatim. "I've been listening to the comments of some of my colleagues and to take literally what they been saying would say that for the past several years, the City of Stamford has discriminated against people based on sexual orientation, they've not been hired by the city, they've been fired when they've been found to have a sexual orientation, they've not been promoted, and this is the message that we are going to send to the residents of Stamford and the residents of Connecticut that because our city discriminates, we find that we must pass this ordinance. I'd like to remind my colleagues that back on August 28, of last year, the Personnel Commission of the City of Stamford did approve a non-discrimination policy including sexual orientation and it reads, 'No officer or employee in the classified service or seeking admission thereto shall be appointed, discharged, reduced in rank or pay, removed or in any way favored or discriminated against because of sex, sexual orientation, racial

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. ZELINSKY (continuing) 'origin, political or religious opinions or affiliation or marital status.' That is the practice of the Personnel Department. We have never, at least in my fourteen years serving on this Board, have passed an ordinance dealing with the personnel practices of the City of Stamford and why at this particular point in time, is it necessary to do this? This whole business of how this ordinance came about was a letter that was sent to Mr. Bernstein, the Personnel Director of our city, back in July of last year, and it mentions, 'Dear Mr. Bernstein, It's been several months since we last communicated and I was hoping that we might have some progress to report in the area of non-discrimination policy on the basis of sexual orientation in Stamford town government. As we discussed previously, there are no laws or ordinances in effect which would prohibit the City of Stamford from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation. Any executive order from the Mayor prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in city government would, as I mentioned before, the ideal, however, if that is not possible, the other routes you mentioned, the Personnel Committee or a Charter Revision would be worth investigating. Again, we would be glad to assist your office in setting up a non-discrimination policy which includes sexual orientation and would be happy to offer any testimony or support of documents should that prove necessary. Signed by Peter McKnight, Connecticut Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Fairfield County Chapter.'

"As the Chairman of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Morris stated, we did have a public hearing pertaining to this ordinance as is our practice; of those that came, 12 spoke in favor and five spoke against. That's not very many people if you listen and think there is wide-spread discrimination in the City of Stamford. I don't think we can compare the discrimination of color or speaking and so forth, but how does the City of Stamford or a department head or a supervisor discriminate against someone for sexual orientation when they don't know what their sexual orientation is? There is no question asked on a application when someone applies for a position within the City of Stamford, asking what their sexual orientation is; there is no way for anyone to know what a person's sexual orientation is. The people of the City of Stamford, our employees do a good job and they're promoted, I guess they're hired based on their qualifications and how they do the job.

"I was very surprised also that none of the union officers of our 12 unions within the city, or representatives of these unions participated in the public hearing or even communicated to us pertaining to this and I'm sure if there had been a strong feeling by their membership vis-a-vis that some of their membership were discriminated against, they would have been there. A former president of this Board who is now a state representative, Mr. John Wayne Fox, mentioned in the news media that he would caution the cities and towns from passing laws that may be made moot and unnecessary by an upcoming state vote. I sincerely believe that the reason for this coming before us was really not because the City of Stamford has discriminated against anybody for sexual orientation but because of the past several years where they have not been successful in passing a state law that they would try a different route and go to the cities and towns and try to have them pass local ordinances so that they can go up to Hartford and say this, well, as I understand it, only Hartford and New Haven, two cities of a 169 cities and towns comprising our state have passed legislation on this and I think that we're being used this evening by some people, by groups to further enhance their position state-wide not because of discrimination in Stamford.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. ZELINSKY (continuing) "Also, in our Charter, it states that pertaining to discrimination, and I think possibly the way to go would be wait for the next Charter Revision and put it on the ballot of the City of Stamford. I listened at the public hearing and as I quoted Mr. McKnight's letter, I did not hear anyone present any cases pertaining to an individual being discriminated by our city and I really feel that we should not based on the fact that I mentioned the Personnel Commission has already voted a policy on this and I see no reason why we should be voting for this this evening. I think we should waiting until the state votes on this and based on that I would make a Motion, Madam President to return this to Committee until that time and I so Move."

The Motion was Seconded.

MR. MORRIS said at a Committee meeting held in February, a similar motion was made to hold the item in Committee and was defeated. Mr. Morris said he hoped that the Board would defeat Mr. Zelinsky's Motion. Mr. Morris said he saw no reason for the Board to wait to see what the General Assembly of the State is going to do regarding the proposed state law. Mr. Morris said the Board is elected to govern the city and should exercise leadership on this extremely important issue; this should be voted up or down but not sent back to Committee where it has been for the past few months.

MR. ZELINSKY "The Personnel Committee, as Rep. Morris stated, voted on this issue. The vote was four in favor of holding and four against. As I said, based on the comments of State Rep. John Wayne Fox, if we pass this this evening, depending on what the state does, it could prove that our particular ordinance here would be moot and unnecessary and to go through this I don't think it is necessary, and I would like to see it go back to Committee."

MR. ESPOSITO Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to return item two to Committee. DEFEATED by a vote of 25 no and 9 yes votes with three abstentions.

MR. LYONS Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to approve for final adoption the proposed ordinance prohibiting discrimination in the classified and unclassified civil service. APPROVED by a vote of 29 yes and 7 no votes with one abstention.

3. APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OFFERED BY THE FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE (FMCS) TO IMPROVE LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS. Submitted by Rep. Philip R. Stork, R-15, and Rep. Sandra Goldstein, D-16, 2/7/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (continued)

4. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION URGING THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LEGISLATION GUARANTEEING PROTECTION FROM DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION. Submitted by Reps. Scott A. Morris, D-17 and Michael D. Larobina, D-16, 2/11/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - David Jachimczyk, Chairman

MR. JACHIMCZYK said the Planning and Zoning Committee met on Thursday, February 28, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. Present were Committee members Jachimczyk, White, Morris, Nakian, Domonkos, Stork and Pavia. Also present was Jon Smith.

1. REVIEW OF CHAPTER 214 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING STREETS AND SIDEWALKS. Submitted by Reps. David Jachimczyk, D-4 and John Zimmerman, D-17, 1/16/91. Held in Committee 2/4/91.

PLACED ON PENDING AGENDA

2. REVIEW OF LIST OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES APPROVED FOR SALE BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTIES THAT THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES APPROVES FOR SALE. Planning Board approved 1/14/91. Submitted by William D. Serfass, Jr., Commissioner of Finance, 1/24/91. Board of Finance to issue opinion - Board of Finance deferred 2/7/91. (List attached to these Minutes)

MR. JACHIMCZYK said the Committee voted four in favor, and two opposed to concur with the list of city properties recommended for sale by the Planning Board. Mr. Jachimczyk Moved for approval. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve the list of properties for sale as recommended by the Planning Board. APPROVED by voice vote with Mr. White voting no.

PUBLIC WORKS & SEWER COMMITTEE - Peter Nanos, Chairman

MR. NANOS had no report.

1. REVIEW OF PRIVATE COLLECTION SERVICES. Submitted by Reps. Stanley Esposito, R-11, Audrey Maihock, R-19, Michael Fedele, R-13, Maria Nakian, D-20, David Martin, D-19, Ellen Mellis, D-13, Carmen Domonkos, D-18 and John R. Zelinsky, D-11, 9/10/90. Held in Committee 10/1, 11/7/90 and 2/4/91. Held on Pending Agenda 11/14/90.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE REQUIRING EMISSIONS TESTING OF STAMFORD'S INCINERATOR. Submitted by Rep. James Rubino, R-7, 11/28/90. Held on Pending Agenda 12/12/90. Held in Committee 2/4/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Ruth Powers, Chairwoman

MS. POWERS said the Health and Protection Committee on Tuesday, February 26, 1991, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Evanko, Rubino and Powers. A public hearing was held. There was no quorum due to the snowstorm. Ms. Powers said the Committee met this evening with all Committee members present.

1. FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 160 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING MICROWAVE TRANSMITTERS. Submitted by Rep. Richard L. Lyons, D-1, 9/10/90. Held in Committee 10/1 and 12/3/90. Held in Steering 10/17 and 12/12/90. Approved for publication 2/4/91.

Ms. Powers Moved for republication of item one because part of the ordinance was omitted in the publication. She said the ordinance was critical to the city and the matter has been in court several times. She said it was extremely important that the publication is exact. Ms. Powers stated that there were a few other errors in the publication. The motion was Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to republish the ordinance. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

2. REVIEW OF NOISE ORDINANCE. Submitted by Rep. David I. Blum, D-12, 7/19/90. Report made and Held in Committee 8/13, 10/1/90 and 2/4/91. Held in Steering 10/17/90. Held on Pending Agenda 11/14/90.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

3. REVIEW OF POLICE PROTECTION PROVIDED FOR THE PUBLIC AT THE STAMFORD RAILROAD STATION. Requested by Rep. Audrey Maihock, R-19, 1/31/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MS. POWERS said Capt. Cavanos of the Metro North Police Department came to the meeting, and he stated that the city is responsible for the entire railroad station; the only responsibility Metro North has is for the platform and the trains themselves. Ms. Powers said the security firm and the police department will be asked to attend next month's meeting.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Thomas Pia & Robert DeLuca, Co-Chairpersons

MR. PIA said the Parks and Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, February 26, 1991. Attending were members Pia, McGrath, Owens, Fedele, Nanos, Perillo, DeLuca, and Rybnick. Also attending was Robert Neu, Director of Parks and Recreation; Guy Bailey and Billie Shock, members of the Commission; Rep. John Zelinsky for item two; Police Chief Mayers; Vincent Akhimie, Director of Traffic and Parking; James Sparrow representing the veterans; Clifford Whilshire; Al Meadows; Fred Carey; Mrs. Cummings, and the Media. Mr. Pia stated that two people from the public delivered letters to the Committee; Margaret Canada from St. Francis' Church and Shelia Jackson from Long Ridge School.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: (continued)

1. FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 214, ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING BANNERS, FLAGS, ETX., OVER STREETS AND SIDEWALKS. Submitted by Rep. Robert DeLuca, Chairman, Parks and Recreation Committee, 10/10/90. Returned to Committee 11/7/90 and 1/7/91. Held in Committee 12/3/90. Approved for publication 2/4/91.

MR. PIA stated the Committee voted to repeal Chapter 214 of the Code regarding the hanging of banner. He said that it was costly to hang a banner; the cost being \$450.00 to hang a banner for a two-week period. He said if there was no banner to hang after the two-week period, it would cost an additional \$450.00 to remove the existing banner, and if left for a longer period of time, the city assumes the liability if there is any accident regarding the banner. Mr. Pia said the Traffic Department stated that they have no funds to speak of; the cost comes out of the overtime account and presently, there is \$800.00 left in the account and a transfer of \$5,000 will be requested to pay for the hanging of banners for the commitments already made.

Mr. Pia stated that there is also a safety factor to consider. He said the organizations have an insurance policy and the policy is for the two-weeks duration that the banner hangs over the street. Mr. Pia stated that after that period, the policy lapses and the city assumes the liability. He said if something happens, the city will be responsible.

Mr. Pia stated that the applicants could be charged \$450 in advance but \$450 is not always the cost; it may cost approximately \$1,300 considering the fact that the banners are not always taken down exactly after the two week period or a banner replaces one that is already hanging. Mr. Pia said that the people who have money would be the only ones that could hang banners; those that cannot afford to pay and really want to use the advertisement could not.

MR. DeLUCA Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote on the proposed ordinance repealing Chapter 214 concerning banners, flags, etc. over streets and sidewalks. APPROVED by a vote of 24 yes and 9 no votes with four abstentions. Mrs. Maihock abstained due to a conflict of interest.

2. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED PARKS & RECREATION FEES FOR 1991 AS SUBMITTED. Parks and Recreation Commission approved proposed fees on 1/9/91. Submitted by Robert F. Neu, Director of Parks and Recreation 1/11/91.

MR. PIA said the Committee voted to approve the fees as proposed and Moved for approval. Seconded.

MR. ZELINSKY Moved to amend the parking sticker fees for residents, property owner from the proposed \$10.00 fee to the present fee of \$5.00. The motion was Seconded.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. ZELINSKY stated that when the beach sticker was introduced many years ago, the purpose of the sticker was to control the use of the beaches by our residents and not to have out-of-town people using the beaches. He said the cost at that time was \$1.00 to cover the cost of the printing of the sticker. He said that gradually, over the years, the fees went from \$2.00, to \$3.00 to \$5.00, and now there is a 100% increase; to \$10.00. Mr. Zelinsky said he did not think it fair to the people of the city, especially those less able to afford the increase; the poor, the low and middle income people of Stamford. He said there were many people that are presently unemployed because of economic conditions and the extra \$5.00 may be actually needed to put food on the table. He said this is not known because we may not be in that position. Mr. Zelinsky said he thought that some may say the \$5.00 increase does not mean anything but he said he thought it did. Mr. Zelinsky asked that his colleagues keep the fee at the \$5.00 level even though the Committee heard from Mr. Neu that there was a possibility that one or two of the beaches would have to be closed someday. Mr. Zelinsky said that last year and the year before, the beaches were closed because of pollution, and the public pays for services based on tax districts and if the citizens do not have a need for the police or fire departments, they should at least be able to enjoy a family outing at the beach without being burdened with the extra charge.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he was in favor of the increase to \$10.00 and senior citizens to \$2.00. He said a \$10.00 fee for a season was not a great amount of money. He said if the money is not obtained from the sticker fee, it will be in the base of the tax rate; he said the fee income offsets the base tax rate. Mr. Boccuzzi said for the entire season, a \$10.00 fee for a car or entire family is not a lot of money. He said in the surrounding towns, the fees are higher.

MR. DeLUCA urged the Board to vote against Mr. Zelinsky's motion. He said Greenwich pays \$12.00 per person for a season; \$2.00 per child. He said that Stamford's fee is \$10.00 per car and there can be many people in one car, making it an inexpensive price to pay. Mr. DeLuca stated that Darien residents pay \$10.00 for the first car and \$15.00 for each additional car; Westport pays \$20.00 per car; \$10.00 for seniors. Mr. DeLuca mentioned that the golfers using the courses pay \$10.00 for an I.D. card plus \$9.00 for green fees. Mr. DeLuca stated that users should pay for their recreation, and Stamford residents are getting a bargain for the fees that are being proposed.

MR. MARTIN said the \$10.00 is a bargain and he would choose to pay for the beach sticker rather than pay in taxes.

MRS. PERILLO Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with a few dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to reduce the recommended \$10.00 beach sticker fee to \$5.00. DEFEATED by a vote of 27 no and 8 yes votes with one abstention.

MR. LYONS Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to approve the Parks and Recreation fees as proposed. APPROVED by a vote of 25 yes and 12 no votes.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: (continued)

3. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION REGARDING STAMFORD'S MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MOVING PARADE ROUTE FROM WASHINGTON BOULEVARD TO SUMMER STREET. Submitted by Rep. Stanley Esposito, R-11, 1/30/91.

MR. PIA Moved for approval of the resolution. Seconded.

MR. ESPOSITO read the resolution. "Whereas, the City's Memorial Day Parade has been a tradition in the City of Stamford, and Whereas, the Stamford Board of Representatives seeks to continue this tradition, and Whereas, as a matter of public safety, the Stamford Board of Representatives would like to have the parade on the safest and most viewer friendly route, Now, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford; That the City of Stamford move the Memorial Day Parade Route from Washington Boulevard to Summer Street, and Be it further resolved, that the Patriotic and Special Events Commission approach the Stamford Coliseum Authority and submit an application to them in order to secure the funds necessary to cover police overtime costs for the supervision of the parade on Summer Street."

Mr. Esposito said the resolution was submitted by members of the Republican Caucus and asked if the Democratic Caucus wanted to join in co-sponsoring the resolution.

MR. BOCCUZZI stated he did not have any problem with it, but he could not speak for all the democrats as they did not have the resolution in Caucus. Mr. Boccuzzi asked that the democrats support the resolution.

MR. PIA stated that he did not believe than any city agency could apply to the Coliseum Authority for funds. He said the Veterans Council submitted a request and talked to Mr. Serfass in regards to funds.

MR. LYONS Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve the resolution concerning the Memorial Day parade route from Washington Boulevard to Summer Street. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - John R. Zelinsky, Chairman

MR. ZELINSKY said the Education, Welfare and Government Committee met on Wednesday, February 27, 1991, at 7:00 p.m. Attending the meeting were Chairman Zelinsky, Vice Chair Rep. Maihock, Reps. DePina, Mellis, and Domonkos. Excused was Rep. Evanko; also present at the meeting was Rep. Summerville and Rep. Goldstein, Gene Koss, Acting Counsumer Counsel of the Consumer Counsel office, and Mr. and Mrs. Burnham.

1. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION OPPOSING STAMFORD WATER COMPANY'S 36% RATE HIKE. Submitted by Rep. John R. Zelinsky, D-11, 1/9/91. Held in Committee 2/4/91.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. ZELINSKY said the Committee voted unanimously, five in favor with none against, and Moved for approval. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve the resolution. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

2. MATTER OF RECENT OUTBREAKS OF VANDALISM AND THEFTS IN PARKING LOT AND GOVERNMENT CENTER BUILDING. Submitted by Rep. Annie M. Summerville, D-6, 2/13/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

3. RESOLUTION FROM 21ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES TO U. S. POSTAL SERVICE ARTICULATING THE URGENT NEED FOR A BRANCH OFFICE OF THE POSTOFFICE TO SERVICE NORTH STAMFORD. Submitted by Rep. Sandra Goldstein, D-16, Maria Nakian, D-20, Ellen Mellis, D-13, Audrey Maihock, D-19, Michael Larobina, D-16, and John R. Zelinsky, D-11, 2/13/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Frank Mollo, Chairman - No report.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - Annie M. Summerville, Chairwoman - No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Stanley Esposito, Chairman

MR. ESPOSITO said the Committee met on Tuesday, February 26, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Reps. Maihock, White, Esposito and Stork. Mr. Esposito stated that a representative from the Health Department was not in attendance. The Committee voted to hold the item.

1. MATTER OF TESTING GROUND WATER AND WELL WATER IN THE AREA OF THE SCOFIELDTOWN LANDFILL. Submitted by Rep. Stanley Esposito, R-11, 11/14/90. Held in Committee 12/3/90, 1/7 and 2/4/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Mary Lou Rinaldi, Chairwoman

MS. RINALDI said the Transportation Committee met on Thursday, February 21, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. Present were Reps. Judith Evanko, Audrey Maihock, Thomas Pia, Mary Lou Rinaldi, David Blum, Robert DeLuca and Mildred Perillo. Also attending was Paul Shapero, Corporation Counsel, William Serfass, Commissioner of Finance, Vincent Akhimie, Director of Traffic and Parking, Thomas Finn, Carol Link, Martin Hurley and Stan Blitz from the Greater Stamford Transit District.

1. REVIEW MATTER OF RECORDS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE FROM THE GREATER STAMFORD TRANSIT DISTRICT. Requested by Rep. Robert DeLuca, R-14, 2/4/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: (continued)

MS. RINALDI stated that Corporation Counsel and Mr. Finn asked the Committee for a one-month continuance at which time, all parties concerned would address various audit issues in question and would attempt to resolve their difference. She said that all agreed that such an approach would allow both parties to discuss broader issues such as how the Transit District could better serve the city. Ms. Rinaldi said the Committee agreed to keep the item on the Agenda for next month.

Ms. Rinaldi said that at the Steering Committee meeting, she was asked to provide the Board with an update on Privatization of the Dial-A-Ride Program. She said that Mr. Akhimie stated at the Committee meeting that a pre-bid hearing was held on February 7, and five companies came forward expressing interest in submitting bids to take over the Program. She said formal bid proposals are due on March 7, and perhaps after that date, there will be some activity.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Gerald Rybnick, Chairman - No report.

COLISEUM AUTHORITY LIAISON COMMITTEE - David Blum, Chairman

MR. BLUM said the Committee met on February 26, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were Reps. David Blum and Stanley Esposito; Sandra Dennies, Grants Director of the Coliseum Authority; Barbara Saroca, Julie Forrester, Warren Dubin, Ralph Antonacci, Barclay Palmer, Randy Brion, B. Raphael and John Hiddlestone;.

Mr. Blum Moved to Suspend the Rules to take up a resolution not on the Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Suspend the Rules. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

1. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE TO CONTINUE FUNDING THE STAMFORD COLISEUM AUTHORITY. Submitted by Reps. David I. Blum and Stanley J. Esposito, 3/4/91.

MR. BLUM Moved to approve the resolution. Seconded.

MR. MARTIN Moved to amend the ordinance. Martin stated that in the paragraph "Now, therefore be it resolved by the 21st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford: That the City of Stamford holds the work of the Coliseum Authority to be in accordance with the laws under which it has been formed" changed to "That the City of Stamford holds the work of the Coliseum Authority to be in accordance with the objectives of promoting tourism."

The Motion was Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve the amendment. APPROVED by voice vote with one dissenting vote, Mr. White.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve the resolution as amended. APPROVED by voice vote with one no vote, Mr. White.

COLISEUM AUTHORITY LIAISON COMMITTEE: (continued)

2. MATTER OF LOCAL ARTISTIC GROUPS USING THE PALACE THEATRE. Submitted by Rep. David I. Blum, Chairman, Coliseum Authority Liaison Committee, 2/5/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MR. BLUM said a discussion was held on the issue and another meeting is being planned to cover all aspects of the item.

A complete report was sent to all Board members and is attached to these Minutes.

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE - John J. Hogan, Chairman

MR. HOGAN said the Committee did not meet because many members had conflicts due to other meetings.

1. GUIDELINES FOR UNION CONTRACTS - 1) Requirements for review of contracts by the Board of Representatives and 2) Suggestions for content of contracts. Submitted by Rep. Ruth Powers, D-8, 10/11/90. Held in Steering 10/17, 11/14, 12/12/90 and 1/16/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. REVIEW COSTS OF HEALTH INSURANCE PAID BY THE CITY FOR EMPLOYEES. Requested by Rep. David Blum, 1/10/91. Held in Committee 2/4/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

3. REVIEW OF LABOR NEGOTIATING PROCESS. Submitted by Rep. David I. Blum, D-12, 1/25/91.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS - None.

MINUTES

1. JANUARY 3, 1991 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - Approved.
2. JANUARY 7, 1991 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Approved.
3. FEBRUARY 4, 1991 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Not ready.

COMMUNICATIONS - None.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - MR. ZELINSKY proposed that a letter be sent to Governor Weicker complaining of the disproportionate reductions in Stamford's educational aid. He said that Stamford has not received the necessary assistance to educate the poor in our schools; the schools must educate a significant number of needy students and state money is needed to help do that.

Mr. Zelinsky said that under the Governor's proposed budget proposal, Stamford would lose close to \$4 million in money earmarked for education; \$2.8 million would be lost in education cost-sharing grants and \$1.2 million would be lost in special education, transportation and adult education money. He said the loss of \$7 million dollars would be disastrous to Stamford. Mr. Zelinsky Moved to send the letter. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to send the letter. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes. The President will send a letter.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m. after the motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved.



Anne A. Kachaluba, Administrative Assistant
and Recording Secretary
21st Board of Representatives

APPROVED:



Sandra Goldstein, President
21st Board of Representatives

SG:ak

Enclosures

STAMVOTE - ATTENDANCE

21:29:30

03-04-1991

NO	NAME
1	PRS EVANKO, JUDITH
2	PRS NAKIAN, MARIA
3	PRS PIA, THOMAS
4	PRS OWENS, BOBBY
5	N/P MC GRATH, PATRICIA
6	PRS LYONS, RICHARD
7	PRS ZIMMERMAN, JOHN
8	PRS RYBNICK, GERALD
9	N/P MOLLO, FRANK
10	PRS LOVALLO, JOSEPH
11	PRS MAIHOCK, AUDREY
12	PRS MARTIN, DAVID
13	PRS DE LUCA, ROBERT
14	PRS ESPOSITO, STANLEY
15	PRS STORK, PHILIP
16	PRS FEDELE, MICHAEL
17	PRS RUBINO, JAMES
18	PRS MELLIS, ELLEN
19	PRS WHITE, W. DENNIS
20	PRS SUMMERVILLE, ANNIE

NOT PRESENT 3

NO	NAME
21	PRS DE PINA, GLORIA
22	PRS DOMONKOS, CARMEN
23	N/P CLEMMONS, GARY
24	PRS NANOS, PETER
25	PRS PERILLO, MILDRED
26	PRS PAVIA, NICHOLAS
27	PRS MITCHELL, ELAINE
28	PRS CARDILLO, DOMINICK
29	PRS MORRIS, SCOTT
30	PRS HOGAN, JOHN J.
31	PRS ZELINSKY, JOHN
32	PRS BROMLEY, ELLEN
33	PRS LAROBINA, MICHAEL
34	PRS POWERS, RUTH
35	PRS BLUM, DAVID
36	PRS JACHIMCZYK, DAVID
37	PRS RINALDI, MARY LOU
38	PRS JOHNSON, FRED
39	PRS BOCCUZZI, JOHN
40	PRS GOLDSTEIN, SANDRA

PRESENT 37

STAMVOTE - VOTE PROCESSING

03-04-1991

21:30:07

TEST VOTE YES

NO	NAME
1	YES EVANKO, JUDITH
2	YES NAKIAN, MARIA
3	YES PIA, THOMAS
4	YES OWENS, BOBBY
5	N/P MC GRATH, PATRICIA
6	YES LYONS, RICHARD
7	YES ZIMMERMAN, JOHN
8	YES RYBNICK, GERALD
9	N/P MOLLO, FRANK
10	YES LOVALLO, JOSEPH
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13	YES DE LUCA, ROBERT
14	YES ESPOSITO, STANLEY
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